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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In order to improve the fixation of the pigment as the colorant onto recording media, the addition of a resin to ink compositions has been proposed. For example, Japanese Patent Publication No. 1426/1987 discloses an ink comprising a pigment and a resin emulsion dispersed in water; Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 157668/1980 discloses the dispersion of a pigment in a water-insoluble resin emulsion; Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 217088/1989 discloses the use of an emulsion having a specific film-forming temperature; and likewise, Japanese Patent Laid-Open [Nos. 60068/1991 and] No. 18462/1992 disclose an ink using a resin emulsion. Further, in Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 259869/1996, studies have been made on the use of core/shell-type resin particles, comprising a core and a shell surrounding the core, in inks for ink jet recording.

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